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PROCEEDINGS.

DUDLEY SHOAL, CALDWELL COUNTY, N. C., }
Friday, August 14th, 1868. }

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder JAS. McNEIL, from Philippians, 2nd chap. and 15th verse.

After a recess of 30 minutes, the delegates convened under the shelter and were called to order by Elder R. L. Steele, Moderator of last year. Eld. Wm. Church prayed.

Letters from 11 churches were handed in and read, from which the annexed statistical table was made out.

Then, on motion, a door was opened for the reception of churches, whereupon Lower Creek Church and Sulphur Spring, a newly constituted church, presented letters by their delegates, and, on motion, were received into the union of this Association, and received the right hand of fellowship, and seated with the Association.

The Association then proceeded to the election of officers: Elders W. R. Gaultney and Wm. A. Pool were appointed to take the vote, who reported that Elder R. L. STEELE was elected *Moderator*, and br. P. ELLER, *Secretary*.

Then, on motion, transient preachers were invited to seats in the Association: Elders W. R. Gaultney, from the Bula Association, and Wm. A. Pool, from the Lewisfork Association, accepted the invitation; and after receiving the right hand of fellowship, seated with the Association.

Corresponding Messengers were then invited. From the Catawba Association, brethren P. Warlic and I. Helterbrand, were received; from the Jefferson Association, a letter and pack of minutes were received, but no messengers.

Then, on motion, lay-members were invited: Professor J. B. Brewer accepted the invitation. Then, on motion, the Moderator appointed the following standing Committees:

On Missions,	Elder J. B. Powell,
" Education,	" J. T. Shell,
" Sabbath Schools,	" J. B. Green,
" Periodicals,	" J. McNeil,
" Temperance,	" G. D. Sherill,
" The Mode of Preaching"	G. D. Sherill, Isaac Oxford and J. T. Shell.

On Devotional exercise, the delegates of the Dudley Shoal church, together with the Pastor.

On Finance, Elder Isaac R. Sherill and brother J. P. Gaultney.

On Arrangements, Elders I. Smith, I. Oxford, J. B. Green, J. McNeil and A. Johnson, with the Moderator and Clerk, and invited Corresponding Messengers and all preaching brethren to sit with the Committee.

Appointed Elders I. Oxford, J. McNeil, Wm. Church, J. B. Powell and Wm. R. Gaultney, Committee on Constitutional Reform.

The Committee on Devotional Exercise reported Elder A. Johnson to preach to-morrow at 11 o'clock. After intermission, Elder Wm. A. Pool to preach the closing sermon.

Then, on motion, adjourned till to-morrow morning, 10 o'clock. Prayer by Elder G. D. Sherill.

SATURDAY MORNING, August 15, 1868.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by the Moderator.

1st. Called the roll of delegates and marked absentees.

2nd. Read rules of decorum.

3rd. Read minutes of yesterday.

4th. Called on Committee of Arrangements, who reported,—report received and the committee discharged.

5th. On motion, extended the invitations of yesterday, inviting Corresponding Messengers and visiting brethren: Elder R. H. Moody and br. Elijah Chambers, from the Catawba Association, with a letter and parcel of minutes, were received, and the right hand of fellowship given them by the Moderator. Also Elders D. B. Brown and H. West from the Lewisfork, accepted the invitation.

6th. The Committee on Missions failed to write. (This committee was appointed last year.)

7th. The Committee on Missions, appointed this Association, reported. See report at letter A.

8th. At 12 o'clock, the Association took up a collection for missionary purposes, amounting to \$14 78.

9th. The Committee on Finance reported. See report at letter B.

10th. The Committee on Education reported. See report at letter C.

11th. The Committee on Sabbath Schools failed to write.

12th. The Committee on Uniformity of Preaching reported, and report postponed until the next Association.

13th. The Committee on Constitutional Reform reported.—See Report appendixd at letter D.

14th. The Treasurer reported. See report at letter E.

15th. Called on Corresponding Messengers, who reported and were discharged.

16th. Appointed Corresponding Messengers, as follows:

To the Catawba Association : Elders D. B. Brown, I. Smith, J. B. Powell, I. Oxford, G. D. Sherill, Isaac R. Sherill, J. McNeil and J. H. West.

To the Yadkin Association :—Elders J. B. Green and E. Staley.

To the Brier Creek Association :—Elders J. McNeil, R. L. Steele, J. B. Green, J. T. Shell and J. W. Hall.

To the Jefferson Association :—Elders A. Johnson, Wm. Church, J. McNeil, and J. W. Hall.

17th. Called on the delegates who were appointed last Association to attend the Baptist State Convention, who reported they failed to attend.

18th. Appointed Elder R. L. Steele delegate to the next Baptist State Convention.

19th. Appointed Elders J. McNeil and J. T. Shell to prepare a letter of recommendation for Elder Isaac Oxford, who is going to remove from our midst.

20th. Committee on Periodicals reported. See report at letter F.

21st. Committee on Temperance reported. See report at letter G.

22nd. Committee on Devotional Exercise reported for Sunday :—Elder J. B. Powell, first ; Elder W. R. Gaultney, 2nd ; Elder R. H. Moody, 3rd and last.

23rd. Committee on Resolutions reported. See report at letter H.

24th. Appointed the next Association to be held with the Lower Creek Church, Caldwell County, N. C., 2 miles East from Lenoir, to commence on Friday before the 3rd Lord's Day in August, 1869. Elder J. T. Shell to preach the introductory sermon; Elder G. D. Sherill his alternate.

Appointed the Clerk to superintend printing the Minutes, and that he have as many copies struck as the funds on hand will pay for, after allowing the Clerk \$4 for his services and 75 cents for past services, and distribute them as usual.

Then, on motion, adjourned to time and place of the next Association. Prayer by Elder Gaultney.

Thus closed the 9th annual session of the United Baptist Association, in which not a single jar occurred to mar its peace. And during the entire service, peace, harmony and unanimity prevailed.

R. L. STEELE, MODERATOR.

P. ELLER, *Secretary.*

SABBATH.

The stand was occupied by those appointed. Elder J. B. Powell preached first. Text, Hebrews 2nd chap. and first clause of the 3rd verse: "How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation."

Elder Gaultney followed. Text, Luke 13th chap., and 3rd v.

After intermission, a collection was taken in aid of Missions, amounting to \$10 45. This with the collection on Saturday of \$14 78, makes \$25 23.

After intermission, Elder R. H. Moody preached, and closed the services of the day. His text was: "Ye must be born again," John 3rd chap. and 6th verse.

Ordained Ministers in the United Baptist Association.

	POST OFFICES.	COUNTIES.
J. B. Powell,	Lenoir,	Caldwell.
Isaac Smith,	"	"
G. D. Sherill,	"	"
A. Johnson,	Jefferson,	Ashe.
Wm. Church,	Job's Cabin,	Wilkes.
J. H. West,	Deal's Mills,	Caldwell.
J. McNeil,	Wilkesboro,	Wilkes.
S. Ferguson,	Warrior Creek,	"
J. W. Hall,	"	"
R. L. Steele,	Taylorsville,	Alexander.
I. Oxford,	Deal's Mills,	Caldwell.
J. B. Green,	New Hope,	Iredell.
A. W. Vannoy,	Perlear's Creek,	Wilkes.
J. T. Shell,	Hickory Station,	Caldwell.
I. R. Sherill,	Lenoir,	"
D. B. Brown,	"	"

CHURCHES.

Cub Creek,
 Concord,
 Liberty Grove,
 Sulphur Spring,
 Taylorsville,
 Sardis,
 Dudley Shoal,
 New Hope,
 Oak Forest,
 New Bethany, pastor not reported in letter.
 Bethel,
 Lower Creek,
 Center,
 Taylor Spring,

PASTORS.

Elder Jas. McNeil.
 " J. Crouch.
 " R. L. Steele.
 " R. L. Steele.
 " I. Oxford.
 " J. T. Shell, I. R. Sherill.
 " G. D. Sherill.
 " Jas. McNeil.
 " Jas. McNeil.
 " A. Johnson.
 " J. B. Powell.
 " J. H. West.
 " J. B. Green.

A.

Report on Missions.

Our Savior's last commission to his disciples was, to go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature. This was his farewell address to his people, as comprising the sum of Christian duty. The organization of churches, the gifts of the churches, and the means of grace, all have reference to the accomplishment of this great end. God has committed the evangelization of the world to his people. He has not given this work to angels, but to converted sinners. Therefore, there is much to do, enough for every member of his body to be fully and always engaged in the work of the Lord.

We have in our midst the colored population, who are not capable of teaching the externals of this holy religion; they have immortal souls and should not be overlooked. And many destitute portions of our own race, besides the heathen nations that are bowing to their idols, who never heard of the way of salvation in and through the atonement of Jesus Christ our Savior. We would therefore call the attention of all Christians to consider how great the work, how important the responsibility of the ministers to their work of teaching all things. The Master has commanded the laity to aid and support their ministers, that their hands may be loosed, that they may successfully and profitably be engaged in the work of the Lord.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. POWELL, *Chairman.*

B.

Report on Finance.

Received from the churches,	\$19 55
Allowed as follows:	
Clerk's compensation,	\$ 4 00
Balance due Clerk for last year for printing,	75
For printing Minutes,	14 80
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ISAAC R. SHERILL, *Chairman.*

C.

Report on Education.

The subject of education has employed the talents of the world for many ages past, and still this body has deemed it worthy of continued notice. And I have the pleasure by its appointment, of calling attention to its claims in our community. Ignorance is a curse to any nation. Wherever we see a

people, either from choice or necessity, shut out from the sunlit rays of science, we witness the most deplorable state of society: The arts languish, religion gives way to superstition and vice in its most direful form! Crime stalks abroad, and the nation mourns. But, particularly as a denomination, it is to our interest to encourage an educated ministry. What could we do to cope with those who are learned in the languages, when we measure arms with them, while contending for the faith that was once delivered to the saints? Why, brethren, nothing but the broad platform of God's truth upon which we stand, has held us up thus far. We have taken hold of this grand instrument which God has given, and let us wield it with strong arms for his cause. Let us build up schools wherever we can, and encourage our people to spend time, money and talents in their behalf.

Permit me, most earnestly, to call your attention to our once beloved Institution at Taylorsville. It has done great good; it still looks to us for support and encouragement. Shall we not look to this once popular school and make it surpass, if possible, its former success. We have already there at his post, a young man of ability and piety, John B. Brewer, recently a graduate of Wake Forest College, and a grand-son of that eminent pioneer of religion in our State. Let us go to his aid and strike up again blazes of intellectual light, which may radiate throughout the limits of our dear bleeding and suffering old State. Brother B. has launched out his bark in the cause with us. Don't stifle his first efforts, and the Lord will bless us with him.

JAS. McNEIL, *Chairman.*

D.

On Constitution.

Resolved, That we change the first article of the Constitution so as to make it read thus:

Each church being entitled to three delegates, and one additional delegate for every additional fifty members over fifty. Every ordained minister coming recommended by his church, shall be entitled to all the privileges of a delegate.

I. OXFORD, *Chairman.*

E.

Treasurer's Report.

Received from the Committee on Finance, \$16 25
 Allowed as follows:

Clerk's compensation;	\$ 4 00
Printing Minutes;	13 00

\$17 00

Due Treasurer; \$0 75
 P. ELLER, Treasurer;

F.

Report on Periodicals.

The *Biblical Recorder* is the organ of our denomination. It is an able defender of our principles. If we let this paper go down, we have no other medium of communication. We must sustain this paper; in order to keep up concert of action among the churches.

We recommend to the Sabbath Schools, "*Kind Words*," published in Memphis, Tenn. It is published by the Southern Baptist Convention. Every Sabbath School friend who has at heart the good of the children should place it in the school.

We also recommend the "*Home and Foreign Journal*," published in Richmond, Va., a missionary paper.

J. McNEIL, Chairman.

G.

On Temperance.

Temperance is one of those Christian graces that should ever be taught from pulpit and practiced by the churches.

G. D. SHERILL, Chairman.

H.

Resolutions.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are due and are hereby tendered to the citizens of this community for their kind hospitality to the friends and delegates of this Association during its session:

WM. CHURCH, Chairman.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	POST OFFICES.	DELEGATES' NAMES.										Total		Finance					
			Saturdays.											Deceased.....	Excluded.....	Dis. by Lett.	Rec. by App.	Rec. by Rec.	Rec. by Let.	Baptized.....
New Hope, Dudley Shoal, Cub Creek, Liberty Grove, Taylor Spring, Sardis, Concord, Taylorville, Lower Creek, Sulphur Spring, New Bethany, Oak Forest, Bethel, Center,	Wilkes, Caldwell, Wilkes, Alexander, Fredell, Alexander, " " Caldwell, Alexander, Fredell, Wilkes, Ashe, Alexander,	Perlear's Creek Hickory Tav'n Wilkesboro, Taylorville, New Hope, Deal's Mills, Taylorville, " Lenoir, Taylorville, Catawba Stati'n Wilkesboro, Little River,	4 P. Eller, Wm. McNeil, 1 J. T. Shell, R. F. Shearer, T. C. Sherill, 1 J. McNeil, J. W. Hall, D. A. Leach, 3 R. L. Steele, J. Watts, B. F. Steele, J. B. Green, 3 Isaac R. Sherill, E. Bradshaw, R. H. McCall, 3 I. W. Abernathey, J. E. Warren, 3 I. Oxford. T. C. Harrington, 2 J. B. Powell, I. Smith, G. D. Sherill, 3 J. L. Davis, J. P. Gaultney, T. Hudson, T. H. Ervin, H. E. Solar, S. Ingram, 3 E. Staley, A. Johnson, W. Church, J. Garvey, 1 J. H. West, E. C. Oxford, W. C. Oxford,	13 1 2 1 1 21 1 1 15 3 10 2 1 3 1 2 1																



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